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### 1. Claims 1-3, 7-10, 11-13

Method of producing a tube and tube produced according to this method.

### 1.1 Claims 1-3, 7-10

Method of producing a tube, a sheet or sleeve being inserted.

#### 1.2 Claims 11-13

Method of producing a tube and tube produced according to this method, the core being supported during the injection phase.

## 2. Claims 4, 6

Method of producing a tube, either air or a slide coating being used to reduce the adhesion of the tube blank.

## 3. Claims 5, 14

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